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Order of Battle1. Unit History

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[redacted] the PS was organized 1 June 1950 for the purpose of taking over border guard duties from the National Security Corps (SNB-Sbor Narodni Bezpecnosti). The PS was organized from SNB members and the Czech soldiers who received limited training in border guard duties. At the time the PS was organized, an unknown number of the former SNB men were commissioned as PS junior lieutenants, depending on the capabilities of each individual, but for about a year (June 1950 - June 1951) most of the PS units were under the command of NCO's. First graduates (PS lieutenants) of the PS Military Academy, located in Prague, took over command positions within the PS about June 1951.

The 11th PS Brigade was activated in 1951. Before its activation, the area which the 11th PS Brig. was assigned to guard has been guarded by the SNB. The 11th PS Brigade was also known as "Bratislavská Brigada", since the PS Brigades assumed the names of towns in which their brigade headquarters were located.

2. Personnel Changes

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[redacted] officers in the PS (the former SNB) who did not have any military background would be sent to PS Military Academy in Olomouc for

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training. The PS Military Academy [redacted] was then located in Prague, but the entire academy was transferred to Olomouc in July 1952. Duration of the course at the PS Military Academy was nine months.

The 6th PS Co. sent men to the adjacent units of the PS during celebrations or national holidays, to be utilized as additional guards or additional security for the units to which they were sent.

[redacted] battalion headquarters was alerted by the intelligence agencies as to where an illegal border crossing might be attempted; hence, at times, one PS company had to reinforce a neighboring company.

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In June 1953, the 2nd PS Bn. sent six additional men to the 6th PS Co. for the purpose of guarding the borders. The 11th PS Brig. Hq. feared that some dissatisfied people might want to escape to the West because of the money devaluation.

[redacted] In December 1952, six EM, all PS privates who had completed their basic training in Bohemia, were assigned to the 6th PS Co. These men were in their first year of service and were from year classes 1931 and 1932. A second group of six EM arrived in April 1953. These men were HMG crew members who received special HMG training at their basic training center.

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Five men from this group were privates in the first year of service, from year classes 1931 and 1932. One man was a sergeant in the second year of service, from year class 1930. He was a graduate of an NCO school for HMG gunners [redacted]

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These 12 men were assigned to the 6th PS Co., not as replacements, but as additional men, since the unit was under strength. There were no further additions or changes in the personnel of the 6th PS Co.

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Manpower1. Induction

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Induction was in three phases. The first phase consisted of registration at the Regional National Committee (ONV-Okresni Narodni Vybor), located in Nitra.

The second phase of induction consisted of a pre-induction examination.

medical examination. The notification for this physical examination came through the District Military Hqs. (OVV-Okresni Vojenske Velitelstvi). The pre-induction physical examination was conducted in a "Sokol" gym. ("Sokol" was a national athletic club, with membership in every large town and city.) The examination was conducted by one medical officer and several medical corps EM. Personnel conducting the exams wore long white coats, without any insignia of rank. The pre-inductees had to pass through several stations during the examination. They had to walk undressed on top of a platform, which consisted of several plain, long, wooden tables. This platform was divided into three stations. At the first station the inductees had to give their name, date and place of birth, education and civilian occupation. At the second station they were weighed and measured. At the third station the medical officer was located, they were asked whether they could see and hear, and their feet were checked. At this last station they were declared fit or unfit for military service. men who were underweight were declared unfit.

Personnel affected by the October callup were the 1928

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and 1929 year classes. [] men with trades and civilian occupations which could be utilized in the Army or Air Force 25X1 were assigned to various branches of the Army and Air Force, but men with trades which could not be converted into Army use were assigned to PS units. 25X1

[] this policy was discontinued as of late 1952, after which the inductees were met at the RR station by an officer, who called out the inductee's name, date of birth and the city to which each individual was assigned. The unit was not mentioned. 25X1

Upon arrival at the reception center in Pobezovice [] the new arrivals) underwent a second and final physical examination. This was a rigid examination, believed to have been conducted mostly by medical officers. At this examination, each individual was again weighed, measured, had his teeth examined and blood pressure checked. Eyes and hearing were checked and the chest carefully examined. About a month after induction, recruits received a smallpox vaccination, typhoid, and tetanus shots, a chest X-ray, and had their blood type tested. 25X1

2. Other Inductions

There were approximately 20 men, believed to be from year class 1928 who were called up from [] Dolnie Krskany 25X1 N 48-16, E 18-067 and 17 of this group were accepted for military service. three of these 17 were assigned to u/1 PS units. [] the rest of the draftees were assigned to various 25X1 Army units. [] men inducted [] who served in the Czech Army were out of service now, since [] some of them in Dolnie Krskany in December 1952. wearing civilian clothes. [] the tour of duty in the Army was two years.

The three men declared unfit for military service were rejected for the following reasons: one had flat feet, one man limped, and one was physically weak and underweight.

[] in 25X1
February 1953 []

[] inductions were to be conducted only in the fall of every year, as formerly. This was to be applicable to all branches of services. [] the induction of younger 25X1 classes (for example the class of 1929 with class of 1928) was only an emergency measure due to a shortage of manpower in the desired 25X1 year class group. [] the birth rate was low in Czechoslovakia during HITLER's regime.

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[] two men from Dolnie Krskany [] were caught in 1948 trying to defect from Czechoslovakia. Each received a three month prison sentence. These men, from year class 1927, were inducted in 1949 and assigned to an u/1 Auxiliary Labor Bn. (PTP-Pomocni Technicky Prapor) [] they 25X1 were considered politically unreliable, due to their attempted defection, and because of that were assigned to a PTP unit.

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Em personnel in the 6th PS Co. came from the following year classes:

<u>Year Class</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Induction Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1929	2	July 1951	In 2nd year of service
1930	20	July 1951	In 2nd year of service
1931	23	July 1952	In 1st year of service
1932	15	July 1952	In 1st year of service

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In the 6th PS Co. there were only three regular PS men; the commanding officer

and two sergeants, one of whom was the assistant commanding officer and the other was the company clerk.

Up to 1953 the regular term of service in the PS was two years. Since April 1953, the term of service was extended to two and a half years, on orders from the Ministry of National Defense.

4. Cadre Procurement

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men interested in signing up either as career PS men or for additional voluntary tours of duty in the PS. Names of men interested were to be phoned in to battalion headquarters. Voluntary tour of duty for enlisted PS men was two years and for the officers, four or six years. If a PS private volunteered for an additional tour of duty, he was promoted to the grade of sergeant. PS officers who reenlisted were sent to PS Military Academy, and their extended duty of four or six years started after the completion of the nine month course at the PS Academy. Officers who graduated from the PS Academy were promoted to senior lieutenant. No one from the 6th PS Co. applied, either for the voluntary extended tour or for a career as a PS man.

There was also a recruiting team composed of three officers from 11th PS Brig. This team was on a recruiting mission in various communities all the time. Normally, these recruiting officers contacted the chairman of the Local National Committee and requested that men who had already completed their compulsory military training be called in for a meeting. Individuals concerned were notified via the public address system, if such was available, or were notified by messenger. The purpose of the meeting was not announced, because in that case hardly anyone would have shown up. At these meetings men were urged to sign up for service in the PS and the names of those interested were taken for further action.

the recruiting team did not accomplish much, since service in the PS was considered as the worst type of service and was dreaded by all. It was usually considered a "prison life" by men of military age, since all PS units were located in the open country, far from cities and towns. The men had very little free time and were faced with a prospect of serving the entire tour of duty within the same locality.

There were no other arrivals in the 6th PS Co. of officers graduated from academies, or of reserve officers recalled to extended active duty under Article 39 of the Defense Law, nor of men returning from various service schools.

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5. Miscellaneous Data

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the 4th PS Bn., 11th PS Brig., with battalion headquarters in Komarno N 47-45, E 18-08 organized in April 1952 was composed of all regular PS men, officers and EM.

6. Reserves

At no time were there any reservists serving in the 6th PS Company all the reservists recalled to short-term training of two to three weeks, including former PS men, were assigned to Army units and spent their entire time in the field on maneuvers.

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reserve training was very irregular from 1950 to 1953. three men (between the ages of 32-35) from the town of Vysoka Pri Morave in June 1953, had to report for reserve training.

Supply

1. The 6th PS Co. received its supplies from the 2nd PS Bn. Hq. in Stupava N 48-19, E 17-02. Live ammunition, which was rarely used, was replaced as soon as it was expended. In the event the company went out on the firing range, in compliance with the training schedule, the needed rounds for range firing were requisitioned and received from 2nd PS Bn. Hq. The only item which was requisitioned each week was signal flares. These were requisitioned in the following quantities (approximately): 100 white, 20 green and 5 red.

2. no new weapons were received, although in the near future one HMG, model and caliber unknown and three AT rocket launchers (Pancerovky) were to be assigned to the 6th PS Co.

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4. The Czech 7.92 mm. SMG had a theoretical rate of fire of 500 rounds per minute, while the practical rate of fire was 200 rounds per minute. The clip of the SMG held 32 rounds. Normally, five clips were carried by PS men on a patrol. The German 98N rifle, 7.92 mm. had a practical rate of fire of 20 rounds per minute. The clip of the rifle held five rounds.

5. Repairs. Rifles and SMG's which had a malfunction were sent to the 2nd PS Bn. and then to the 11th PS Brig. Hq., where an ordnance technician would repair them. Weapons sent up to brigade by this method were returned to the company in about a month. There was

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only one vehicle, a two-door Skoda Tudor sedan assigned to the 6th PS Co. Whenever this vehicle was in need of repairs, it was taken to 11th PS Brig. Hq. in Bratislava and repaired promptly.

[redacted] the field glasses assigned [redacted] believed 25X1 to be of Czech manufacture, were old and in poor condition. One pair which needed a new lens was sent out for repair sometime in February 1953

[redacted] there was no change in quantities of 25X1 weapons, POL and ammunition or other supplies in the 6th PS Co.

[redacted] always had the necessary supply of ammunition (which the wrapping indicated was German World War II) for the prescribed firing in accordance with the training schedule. Each PS unit had to fire 10 different courses every year. These courses were numbered from one to 10 inclusive.

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[redacted] firing was done on both stationary and moving targets.

Soviet and Satellite Missions

1. [redacted] some 25X1 high-ranking Soviet officers were making yearly inspections of PS units. These officers wore Soviet uniforms and were always in the company of Czech officers. They observed everything and made notes. 25X1

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Intelligence and Security

1. Every PS brigade and battalion had an intelligence service in operation. [redacted] received about eight hours of instructions on this subject at the PS Military Academy in Prague. [redacted] there 25X1 were about five officers assigned to this branch of service in every PS battalion, and about eight officers at brigade headquarters. Members of this branch always wore civilian clothes. Their main concern was to find out whether people in the border areas were sheltering individuals planning to escape or illegal border crossers (spies), or

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whether the inhabitants of these border towns, themselves, had intentions of defecting. They generally had "plants" working for them. "Plants" were individuals who were caught in the attempt of border crossing, but in lieu of prison sentences or fines, worked for PS Intelligence. Many times, ardent Communists furnished information desired by this section.

2. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] StB and VS supposedly worked
[redacted] hand in hand.

Morale

1. Morale in the 6th PS Company was low, due to the endless guard duty and lack of free time. Food was fairly good [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] but there was not enough of it. Approximately once a week there was a free movie in the company area, which was shown in the afternoon. Most of the time Russian films were shown and were well-attended.
2. There was no SOP on passes in the 11th PS Brig. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] in the event of "alert" all of the assigned men were required to be present for duty. Leaves were permitted for compassionate reasons only, such as sickness or death in the family, but were not to exceed three days. In the event of "combat alert", men on leaves were notified by telegram to return immediately to their units. There were no cases of AWOL in the 6th PS Co. [redacted] 25X1
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